Infrastructure to be developed in Orissa and Jharkhand to fight naxalism

910. MS. MABEL REBELLO:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Centre has approved Rs. 500 crore special Centrally sponsored scheme for naxal-affected States to improve infrastructure for policing;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) how many districts in the country are affected by the above menace; and

(d) the details of infrastructure that is proposed to be developed in Orissa and Jharkhand States to control this menace under the above project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (d) On the basis of extent of naxal violence, 75 districts are covered under the Security Related expenditure scheme. A new Scheme for Special Infrastructure in Leftwing Extremism affected States has been approved in the Eleventh Plan with an allocation of Rs. 500 crore to cater to critical infrastructure gaps, which cannot be covered under any other of the existing schemes of MHA, Government of India. Rs. 100 crore was provided for the year 2008-09. Under the scheme there is provision for secure camping grounds and helipads for security forces at strategic location in remote and interior areas; secure police stations and outposts, roads for mobility for police in inaccessible forest areas, approach roads to police stations where there is a constant and grave risk of attack by IEDs and landmines and critical needs, specific to the areas/districts.

Training in jungle warfare

911. MS. MABEL REBELLO:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to set up special counter insurgency and antiterrorism training centres each in Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Orissa to provide training to police personnel in jungle warfare;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also proposed to upgrade certain training centres of the Central Para-Military Forces to provide training in counter insurgency and jungle warfare;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government has prepared some comprehensive action plan to strengthen the police infrastructure in naxalborne States to curb this menace; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) The Government has decided to set up 20 temporary Counter-Insurgency and Anti Terrorism Schools during the Eleventh Plan. It is proposed to locate 4 schools each in the States of Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Orissa, with a view to providing training to the police personnel to tackle the insurgency/naxal menace.

(c) and (d) The Government has approved the up-gradation of four existing training centres of the Central Para Military Forces at Silchar (Assam), Hazaribagh (Jharkhand), Sapri (Himachal Pradesh) and Gawaldham (Uttarakhand), in September, 2008 with a cost of Rs. 75.55 crore to impart training in jungle warfare/commandos, in addition to the normal training courses.

(e) and (f) The Government supplement the efforts and resources of the States to effectively deal with the naxal menance in a number of ways which *inter-alia* includes assistance to State Governments for up-gradation and modernization of State Police Forces, raising of IR Battalions, raising of 2 coy per Battalion as commando units in IR Battalions, assistance for recurring expenditure relating to insurance, training and operational needs of security forces under SRE scheme.

Government has also sanctioned 10 Commando Battalions for Resolute Action (COBRA) in Central Reserve Police Force to be raised over a period of 3 years, *i.e.* 2008-09 to 2010-11, for guerilla/jungle warfare type operations for dealing with extremists and insurgents.

Special arrangements for Naxal affected districts

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DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of Naxalite affected districts is 55;

(b) if not, the facts in this regard and whether there is any proposal of special arrangements for the development of these districts;

(c) if so, the details of this proposal;

(d) whether there is a plan to constitute a co-ordination committee of the representatives of twenty Ministries of Central Government to implement this proposal; and

(e) if so, the details in this regard and the estimated amount required to implement this proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (e) No, Sir. On the basis of extent of naxal violence, 75 districts are presently

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